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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, the time for responding
having been extended by the attached petition, please consider the following:

The amended claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this document.